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Regional Economic Indicators – September 2007 – Public Use – North Central Region



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#### MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES

• The Major Municipality that gained the most population according to Statistics Canada census data from 2001 – 2006 (5 Years), in percentage, for the North Central Region was Athabasca with an increase of 6.6% (160 residents). The Major Municipality that gained the most residents from 2001 - 2006 in the North Central Region was West with an increase of 189 residents (3.9%).

Please note: Shadow populations are not counted in the census. The province of Alberta has recently experienced an influx of shadow population or seasonal workers due to the economic boom. This has been brought to the attention of Statistics Canada and any revisions will be released in the fall of 2008.

Major Municipalities *	Status	2006 Population	2001 Population	1996 Population
Athabasca No. 12, County of	Municipal District	7,587	7,521	7,415
Westlock County	Municipal District	6,966	6,880	6,958
Barrhead No. 11, County of	Municipal District	5,845	5,768	5,870
Westlock	Town	5,008	4,819	4,817
Barrhead	Town	4,209	4,213	4,239
Thorhild No. 7, County of	Municipal District	3,042	3,120	3,077
Athabasca	Town	2,575	2,415	2,313
Swan Hills	Town	1,645	1,807	2,030
Boyle	Village	844	840	802
Clyde	Village	470	491	410

<sup>\*</sup> Top ten cities/towns and municipalities in region, based on population from census years.

	2001 - 2006 (5 Years)		1996 - 2006 (10 Years)	
Major Municipalities	% Change	Net Change	% Change	Net Change
Athabasca No. 12, County of	0.9%	66	2.3%	172
Westlock County	1.3%	86	0.1%	8
Barrhead No. 11, County of	1.3%	77	-0.4%	(25)
Westlock	3.9%	189	4.0%	191
Barrhead	-0.1%	(4)	-0.7%	(30)
Thorhild No. 7, County of	-2.5%	(78)	-1.1%	(35)
Athabasca	6.6%	160	11.3%	262
Swan Hills	-9.0%	(162)	-19.0%	(385)
Boyle	0.5%	4	5.2%	42
Clyde	-4.3%	(21)	14.6%	60

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#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

- According to Statistics Canada census data, the North Central Region's population had a
  percentage increase of 2.0% from 2001 -2006 (5 years) which works out to an increase of 771
  residents.
- According to Statistics Canada census data, in 2006, the North Central Region's population accounted for 1.2% of the provinces' population.

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Land Area	North Central
Square Kilometers	13,780.0
% of Provincial Total	2.2%
Total Population	North Central
Population (000s), 2006 Census	39,836
% of Provincial Total	1.2%
Population (000s), 2001 Census	39,065
% of Provincial Total	1.3%
Population (000s), 1996 Census	39,078
% of Provincial Total	1.4%
Population Growth (%), 2001 - 2006	2.0%
Population Growth (%), 1996 - 2006	1.9%

Economic Indicators: North Central Region			
Population Components	2006	2001	1996
Age Group: 65+ (%)	16.2	15.4	14.2
Age Group: 0 - 14 (%)	19.5	20.8	23.1
Dependency Ratio <sup>1</sup>	55.5	57.1	59.3
Old Age Dependency Ratio <sup>2</sup>	25.2	24.3	22.6
Males, Ages 0 -14 (%)	20.2	21.5	23.5
Females, Ages 0 - 14 (%)	18.8	20.3	22.6
Males, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	64.5	63.8	63.1
Females, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	64.2	63.5	62.2
Males, Ages 65+ (%)	15.5	14.7	13.4
Females, Ages 65+ (%)	17.0	16.2	15.3
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 200	1, 2006		

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#### IMMIGRATION - PERMANENT RESIDENTS

 According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2006, 37 immigrants selected a location in the North Central Region geography as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application form.

Please note: This figure does not include temporary foreign workers, students or temporary residents. Also, those that selected a certain province as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application are not required to move to the province indicated. This means that there could potentially be data missing due to immigrants indicating once province as their destination and then actually moving to another.

• The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for the North Central Region was -6.1%. The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for Alberta was 4.0%.

Immigrants (Permanent Residents) 3	North Central Region
As of December 31, 1996	74
% of Province	0.5%
As of December 31, 1997	38
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 1998	32
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 1999	24
% of Province	0.2%
As of December 31, 2000	29
% of Province	0.2%
As of December 31, 2001	37
% of Province	0.2%
As of December 31, 2002	27
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% of Province	0.2%
As of December 31, 2004	42
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 2005	31
% of Province	0.2%
As of December 31, 2006	37
% of Province	0.2%
Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 - 2006, 10 years <sup>4</sup>	-6.1%

Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry

#### IMMOSPATION - FERM & NEW TREET RESIDENTS

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# NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

- From December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006, the number of newly registered apprentices for the North Central Region increased by 140.9% (136 to 247).
- As of December 31, 2006, the North Central Region accounted for 1.0% of all the newly registered apprentices in Alberta (247 of 24,914).
- The annualized percentage growth for the North Central Region from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006 was 12.7%. The annualized percentage growth for the same period for the province was 12.2%.
- The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in the North Central Region are: Welder (57), Heavy Equipment Technician (34) and Carpenter (22). The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in Alberta are: Welder (4,423), Electrician (3,051) and Heavy Equipment Technician (2,191).

Please note: These figures are based on employer location and only account for first year apprentices. This is not the running total of all apprentices currently enrolled in all trade programs from year one up to their certificate. Several apprentice programs take several years to complete with both on-the-job and classroom training.

Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades 5	North Central
As of December 31, 2001	136
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.0%
As of December 31, 2002	152
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.2%
As of December 31, 2003	146
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As of December 31, 2005	165
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As of December 31, 2006	247
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.0%
Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 - 2006, 5 years <sup>6</sup>	12.7%

Source: Alberta Advanced Education, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry

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#### LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the North Central Region employment rate for the working population of 15+ was 61.0% with a participation rate of 63.4%.
- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the North Central Region employment rate for the age group 15 -24 years old was 63.4% with a participation rate of 68.3%.
- In 2006, Alberta had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada at 3.4% well below the national average of 6.3%. Between 2005 and 2006, the number of people employed in Alberta grew by 4.8% or by 86,300. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of people employed grew by 465,600. Statistics Canada, Historical Labour Force Review
- In 2006, Alberta made up 10.1% of Canada's working age population (15+ years), the province created more than a quarter or 27.4% of all new jobs in Canada. Alberta created the second highest number of job in the country following Ontario, which had three times the working age population of Alberta, or 39.1%. *Annual Alberta Labour Market Review*

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
29.5	24.6	27.7	33.9	36.5	34.1
18.7	16.6	17.3	21.6	22.1	22.5
18.0	16.1	16.6	20.7	20.8	21.5
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
63.4	67.5	62.5	63.7	60.5	66.0
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
61.0	65.4	59.9	61.1	57.0	63.0
68.3	67.6	72.1	65.1	64.2	73.5
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.0	N/A
63.4	64.9	69.8	60.3	56.6	67.3
	29.5 18.7 18.0 N/A 63.4 N/A 61.0 68.3 N/A	29.5 24.6 18.7 16.6 18.0 16.1 N/A N/A 63.4 67.5 N/A N/A 61.0 65.4 68.3 67.6 N/A N/A	29.5 24.6 27.7 18.7 16.6 17.3 18.0 16.1 16.6 N/A N/A N/A 63.4 67.5 62.5 N/A N/A N/A 61.0 65.4 59.9 68.3 67.6 72.1 N/A N/A N/A	29.5         24.6         27.7         33.9           18.7         16.6         17.3         21.6           18.0         16.1         16.6         20.7           N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A           63.4         67.5         62.5         63.7           N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A           61.0         65.4         59.9         61.1           68.3         67.6         72.1         65.1           N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A	29.5         24.6         27.7         33.9         36.5           18.7         16.6         17.3         21.6         22.1           18.0         16.1         16.6         20.7         20.8           N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A           63.4         67.5         62.5         63.7         60.5           N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A           61.0         65.4         59.9         61.1         57.0           68.3         67.6         72.1         65.1         64.2           N/A         N/A         N/A         N/A         66.0

There is no population control for special geography and some regions have small sample size, the volatility of these estimates can lead to large year to year swings in the data so the drop or increase would come from sampling variability. Also beginning in 2005, Statistics Canada used the 2005 redesign, prior 2005 they used the 1995 redesign. Statistics Canada also used a blend of the old and new designs from November 2004 to March 2005. This was the phase in period and the two designs did overlap during that time. Statistics Canada urges the reader to notice that some regions increase in sample size.



# EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

• In 2006, According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the service-producing sector in the North Central Region employed around 64.4% of those surveyed.

Annual Employment by Industry 8	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
All Industries (000s) - Total	18.0	16.1	16.6	20.7	20.8	21.5
Goods-Producing Sector	6.4	6.6	6.8	8.3	8.2	7.6
Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	1.7	N/A	2.1	N/A	1.8	1.8
Manufacturing	2.0	1.7	N/A	1.5	N/A	1.9
Services-Producing Sector	11.6	9.4	9.8	12.5	12.6	14.0
Wholesale Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retail Trade	2.8	1.8	2.0	1.8	2.0	N/A
Transportation & Warehousing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business, Building & Other Support Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	1.8	N/A	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3
Information, Culture & Recreation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7
Public Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey Note: N/A= data suppressed, insufficient sample size.

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# INCOME, TAXFILER

- In 2005, the average individual income for all taxfilers for the North Central Region XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the North Central Region reported individual gross income of \$100,000 and over with the average claim over \$100,000 being XXXX.

#### "COUPLE" INCOME

- In 2005, the average "couple income" for all taxfilers for the North Central Region was XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the North Central Region that declared themselves a "couple", defined as married or common law, reported a combined gross income of \$100,000 and over.



#### INVESTMENT

- In 2006, the total building permit value for the North Central Region increased by 96.2% (roughly \$ 45.1 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the residential building permit value for the North Central Region increased by 60.3% (roughly \$ 20.8 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of single family housing starts in the North Central Region increased by 3.1% (6 units) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of total housing starts in the North Central Region increased by 81.6% (191 units) from 2005. Nearly all of the entire increase is in apartment starts.
- Between the years 2001 and 2006, there has been 916 single family housing starts in the North Central Region. During the same time the total housing starts was 1,357.

Building Permit Values and Housing Starts (2006)	2006	2005	2004	
Total Building Permit Value (\$000s)	91,908	46,854	62,024	
% of Provincial Total	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	
Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) 10	2,307	1,199	1,587	
Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 2001 - 2006	53,472			
Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 1996 - 2006		40,372		
Commercial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	26,885	9,101	7,133	
% of Total Building Permit Value	29.3%	19.4%	11.5%	
% of Provincial Commercial Building Permit Value	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	
Industrial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	2,499	1,899	3,785	
% of Total Building Permit Value	2.7%	4.1%	6.1%	
% of Provincial Industrial Building Permit Value	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%	
Institutional Building Permit Value (\$000s)	7,173	1,334	28,851	
% of Total Building Permit Value	7.8%	2.8%	46.5%	
% of Provincial Institutional Building Permit Value	0.7%	0.1%	5.9%	
Residential Building Permit Value (\$000s)	55,351	34,520	22,255	
% of Total Building Permit Value	60.2%	73.7%	35.9%	
% of Provincial Residential Building Permit Value	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	
Single Family Housing Starts	200	194	127	
Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (2001 - 2006)		153		
Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (1996 - 2006)				
Total Housing Starts	425	234	179	
Average Annual Total Housing Starts (2001 - 2006)	226			
Average Annual Total Housing Starts (1996 - 2006)	177			



# ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 62.5% of all business establishments with employees in the North Central Region were classified in the Services-Producing Sector which includes such industries as Retail Trade, Accommodation and Good Services, and Public Administration.
- From 2005 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the North Central Region was 2.9% (54 net establishments). From 2001 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the North Central Region was -0.9% (-17 net establishments).
- From 2005 2006, the goods-producing sector in the North Central Region saw a net increase of 5.7% (39 net establishments). From 2005 2006, the service-producing sector in the North Central Region saw a net increase of 1.3% (15 net establishments).

				% Change	% Change
Establishment with Employees <sup>11</sup>	2006	2005	2001	2005 - 2006	2001 - 2006
All Industries (Total)	1,918	1,864	1,935	2.9%	-0.9%
Goods-Producing Sector	720	681	730	5.7%	V 147 -4.4%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	289	273	317	5.9%	-8.8%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	126	109	100	15.6%	26.0%
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	241	240	241	0.4%	0.0%
Manufacturing	62	57	70	8.8%	-11.4%
Services-Producing Sector	1,198	1,183	1,205	1.3%	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	75	77	95	-2.6%	-21.1%
Retail Trade	195	203	205	-3.9%	-4.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	161	155	166	3.9%	-3.0%
Information, Culture & Recreation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	89	89	88	0.0%	1.1%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	144	128	112	12.5%	28.6%
Business, Building & Other Support Services	82	76	79	7.9%	3.8%
Educational Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	100	97	106	3.1%	-5.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	84	89	94	-5.6%	-10.6%
Other Services	203	202	198	0.5%	2.5%
Public Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



# SMALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES – 1 – 49 EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 96.9% of all business establishments in the North Central Region were classified as small businesses (Business that have 1 49 employees).
- From 2005 2006, the net percentage change in small business establishments for all industries in the North Central Region was 2.5% (45 net establishments). From 2001 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the North Central Region was -1.7% (-33 net establishments).

<b>Economic Indicators: North Cen</b>	tral Regio	on .			
Small Business Establishments <sup>12</sup> (1 - 49 employees)	2006	2005	2001	% Change 2005 - 2006	% Change 2001 - 2006
All Industries (Total)	1,859	1,814	1,892	2.5%	-1.7%
Goods-Producing Sector	703	672	719	4.6%	·2.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	289	273	316	5.9%	-8.5%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	121	108	99	12.0%	22.2%
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	236	238	240	-0.8%	-1.7%
Manufacturing	55	51	62	7.8%	-11.3%
Services-Producing Sector	1,156	1,142	1,173	1.2%	-1.4%
Wholesale Trade	75	77	93	-2.6%	-19.4%
Retail Trade	192	200	203	-4.0%	-5.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	156	151	165	3.3%	-5.5%
Information, Culture & Recreation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	84	86	87	-2.3%	-3.4%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	143	127	111	12.6%	28.8%
Business, Building & Other Support Services	77	73	78	5.5%	-1.3%
Educational Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	90	87	96	3.4%	-6.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	82	85	90	-3.5%	-8.9%
Other Services	201	199	197	1.0%	2.0%
Public Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



#### INVENTORY OF MAJOR PROJECTS

- As of June 30, 2007, there were 4 projects in all industries for the North Central Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed.
- As of June 30, 2007, the total value for these 4 projects in all industries for the North Central Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed was \$76.5 million.

Please note: 2007 and 2006 can not be compared because some projects are carried over several years and there is only one cost available for the entire project

<b>Economic Indicators: Major Construction P</b>			13				
	Projects Value (\$millions)						
Industry Sector	2007	2006	2007		2006		
Forestry and Related	1	N/A	\$40.0		N/A		
Infrastructure	N/A	1	N/A		\$5.2		
Institutional	2	2	\$24.6		\$36.8		
Tourism/Recreation	1	1	\$11.9		\$11.9		
TOTAL	4	4	\$ 76.5	\$	53.9		
Source: Alberta Employn	nent, Immigra	tion and Indu	stry, Inventory of Majo	or Alberta	Projects		

<sup>1.</sup> This inventory lists projects in Alberta, valued at \$5 million or greater, that have recently been completed, are currently under construction, or are proposed to start construction within two years. Not all projects over this threshold are listed due to reasons of confidentiality and/or due to information not being available at time of printing.

<sup>2.</sup> Project data is obtained from public information sources. Although, where possible, this data has been verified with the project proponent / developer, users of the Inventory may wish to confirm project data with the proponent / developer.

<sup>3.</sup> The inventory does not breakdown project expenditures by any given year. The cost of the project is the value of expenditures expected over all phases of project construction, which may span over two or more years.

<sup>4.</sup> The cost of projects listed in the Inventory are estimated values only.



#### **Economic Indicator Definitions**

- **1 Dependency Ratio** As of May 2006, the percentage of the population below the age of 15 (Child) and over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 64). This is the population of children and elderly that are dependent on the adult population for economic needs.
- **2 Old Age Dependency Ratio** As of May 2006, the percentage of the population over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 64). This is the population that is dependent on the adult population for economic needs.
- **3 Permanent Immigrants** Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) count of where immigrants are landing within the province of Alberta. This includes spouses, dependents, entrepreneurs, investors, self employed, refugees and family sponsorship. This does not take into account those that land in other Canadian provinces and then move to Alberta.
- 4 Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 2006, 10 Years (%) The average annual increase in immigrants over the 10 year period.
- **5 Newly Registered Apprentices All Trades -** The number of apprentices that are newly enrolled in a designated trade program. The apprentices must be enrolled by their original employer by December 31 of the year. Regional data is based on original employer location.
- **6 Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 2006, 5 Years (%) -** The average annual increase in newly registered apprentices for the 5 year period.
- **7 Annual Labour Force Characteristics -** Drawn from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS). The LFS is the source of current, monthly, and annual estimates of total employment (including self-employment) and unemployment. Allocating existing LFS respondents to Economic Indicator Regions results in insufficient data for certain regions (i.e. Insufficient sample sizes).
- **LABOUR FORCE**: Persons who are 15 years or over that were not institutional residents that were either employed or unemployed for the year. Labour Force = Employed + Unemployed.
- **PARTICIPATION RATE:** Number of persons from the Labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. Participation Rate = (Labour Force / Population 15 years and over)\*100.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:** Number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. Unemployment Rate = (Unemployed / Labour Force)\*100.
- **EMPLOYMENT RATE**: Number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. Employment Rate = (Employed / Population 15 years and over)\*100.
- **8 Annual Employment by Industry** Based on the Labour Force Survey data. Industry and occupation codes are assigned using the respondent's job description on the questionnaire. Codes assigned are based on the classifications described in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002).
- 9 Income (2005) Individual Income (2005) Gross income for individuals filing income tax in Alberta in 2005. Couple Income (2005) Gross income for people that defined themselves as married or common law when filing the income tax in Alberta in 2005.
- 10 Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) Total value of building permits for a region divided by its population.
- **11 Annual Establishments with Employees** Business establishments are presented by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) industry codes. Commercial industries are included as are several in the public sector (schools, universities, hospitals, government offices, churches, service clubs, etc.)
- **12 Small Business Establishments -** Business establishment with less than 49 employees and at least one employee. This does not include individuals that are self-employed.
- **13 Major Projects** As of June 2007, a list of major development projects in Alberta that are valued at \$5 million or more that are planned, currently under construction or recently completed. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Updated information is added monthly, print edition is updated quarterly.

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